

Skills for Londoners – Community Outreach Programme

Community Provider: Transit Community Support CIC

Project Name: Hounslow and Richmond Community Skills Connect

Background

Solomon, originally from Ghana and now resides in Richmond Upon Thames. Solomon is extremely talented and ambitious despite his inability to read or write English and numbers. His situation is pretty unique as he can fluently speak English but unable to read or write.

Coming into contact with the Project:

Solomon does part time work as a barber at the local barber shop and through conversations with our volunteers has always expressed his wish and desire to be able to write or read and also mentioned how most colleges find it a bit complex since he is fluent in speaking. Learning to read and write would greatly help him to improve his career and hopes of owning and managing a barbershop as well as writing and composing music.

Project support:

We are currently supporting Solomon to enrol onto the basic Functional skills courses starting with English, Maths and thereafter Digital skills.

Feedback:

“ I come from Ghana and I have over time taught myself to speak several languages including English , however , I have always liked to learn to write and even read, I have to rely on friends to read for me important documents or to write, sometimes they may not properly convey the meaning of what I say in writing therefore I look forward writing and reading on my own ” (Solomon)